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## LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1 (Currently Amended). A method for searching information on the internet, comprising using at least one search assistant to help a user when searching for information on the internet, wherein the at least one search assistant is human and a specialist in searching on the internet;

wherein the human search assistant reformulates a first information request of the user into an adapted information request associated with the first information request and applies the adapted information request on at least one search robot for accessing information related to the first information request.

- 2 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 1, wherein the human search assistant assists the user by searching on internet and indicates to the user where the information the user is looking for can be found in the World Wide Web or where the user should be looking in the World Wide Web or giving the user information found in the World Wide Web.
- 3 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 1, wherein the human search assistant has such expertise in searching on the internet that the assistant can be considered a web librarian and is able to give more information than the place to look in the World Wide Web and is able to supervise the user in consulting the internet.
- 4 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 1, wherein the human search assistant makes use of search engines for searching on internet.
- 5 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 1, including conducting a dialogue between the user and the human search assistant on line and in real time.

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6 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 5, including using voice

recognition via the internet to carry out the user's communication with the human

search assistant.

7 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 1, including offering the user

a visual representation of the human search assistant.

8 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 1, including consulting the

human search assistant via a device selected from the group consisting of: a

computer, a mobile phone, a palmtop, and an interactive television apparatus or the

set-top box associated therewith.

9 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 1, including using several

human search assistants on the website.

10 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 9, including enabling contact

of the same search assistant by the user by means of voice recognition, iris

recognition or fingerprint recognition.

11 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 9, including using one or

more head human search assistants having below them a number of specialized

adjunct human search assistants who each is specialized in one or more fields, and

wherein the head human search assistant directs a call the head human search

assistant receives towards one of those specialized adjunct human search

assistants.

12 (Canceled).

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13 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 1, wherein the human search assistant assists the user when searching for services.

14 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 13, wherein said services comprise on-line shopping, price and product comparison.

15 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 1, wherein the human search assistant composes programs for the user comprising films, television or radio or music programs which are provided via the internet.

16 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 1, including communicating with the user in the user's own language, with or without simultaneous translation.